

Under the provisions of Section 413.031 of the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, Title 5, Subtitle A of the Texas Labor Code, effective June 17, 2001 and Commission Rule 133.305, titled Medical Dispute Resolution-General, and 133.307, titled Medical Dispute Resolution of a Medical Fee Dispute, a review was conducted by the Division regarding a medical fee dispute between the requestor and the respondent named above. This dispute was received on 4/25/03.

## **I. DISPUTE**

Whether there should be reimbursement for needles, any size - A4215 and contrast material - A4644 dated 5/16/02 and 6/12/02.

## **II. RATIONALE**

Surgery Ground Rule V. (B)(1) states "Sterile trays (which include all supplies, gloves, utensils, needles, suture material, etc., needed to perform the procedure). The disputed A4215 - needles, any size is global per the Medical Fee Guideline. Reimbursement is not recommended.

The Medical Fee Guideline (MFG) Radiology Ground Rule (II)(A)(2)(a) states, "Non-ionic contrast material for radiological procedure(s) shall be billed using the following codes: a. A4644: Supply of low osmolar contrast material..." The operative reports dated 5/16/02 and 6/12/02 verified the procedure conducted was radiological. The disputed contrast material A4644 is to be reimbursed separately per MFG, RGR (II)(A)(2)(a). The disputed material has no MAR however, the requestor furnished information verifying other carriers accept the requestor's billed amount as fair and reasonable as required by Rule 133.307 (g)(3)(D); therefore, reimbursement is recommended.

## **III. DECISION & ORDER**

Based upon the review of the disputed healthcare services within this request, the Division has determined that the requestor **is** entitled to reimbursement for contrast material - A4644 in the amount of **\$300.00**. Pursuant to Sections 402.042, 413.016, 413.031, and 413.019 the Division hereby ORDERS the Respondent to remit **\$300.00** plus all accrued interest due at the time of payment to the Requestor within 20 days receipt of this Order.

The above Findings, Decision and Order are hereby issued this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2004.

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